

**DECISION No 1047/97/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL****of 29 May 1997****amending Decision No 1254/96/EC laying down a series of guidelines for trans-European energy networks**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 129d thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions <sup>(3)</sup>,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 189b of the Treaty <sup>(4)</sup>,

Whereas the list of projects of common interest needs to be updated periodically in line with developments in interconnected energy networks both inside and outside the European Community and in the light of the process of enlargement and, more generally, the strengthening of energy links with third countries,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The projects listed in the Annex to this Decision shall added to the indicative list of projects of common interest

contained in the Annex to Decision No 1254/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 1996 laying down a series of guidelines for trans-European energy networks <sup>(5)</sup>.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 May 1997

*For the European  
Parliament*

*The President*

J.M. GIL-ROBLES

*For the Council  
The President*

A. JORRITSMA LEBBINK

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 298, 9. 10. 1996, p. 10.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 30, 30. 1. 1997, p. 114.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No C 116, 14. 4. 1997, p. 96.

<sup>(4)</sup> Opinion of the European Parliament of 12 November 1996 (OJ No C 362, 2. 12. 1996, p. 29), Council common position (EC) No 13/97 of 27 January 1997 (OJ No C 111, 9. 4. 1997, p. 84) and Decision of the European Parliament of 12 March 1997 (OJ No C 115, 14. 4. 1997). Council Decision of 17 April 1997.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 161, 29. 6. 1996, p. 147.

## ANNEX

## TRANS-EUROPEAN ENERGY NETWORKS

Projects to be added<sup>(1)</sup> to the indicative list of projects of common interest annexed to Decision No 1254/96/EC

## ELECTRICITY NETWORKS

## (a) Connection of isolated electricity networks to European interconnected networks

- a 7 *United Kingdom:* connection by submarine cable of the Isle of Man;

## (b) Development of interconnections between Member States

- b 5 *France — Germany:* strengthening of the connections between the two countries;
- b 10 (a) *Spain — Portugal:* new connection between the two countries through the southern region of Portugal and the south-west of Spain;
- b 13 *Ireland — United Kingdom (Northern Ireland):* strengthening of connections between Ireland and Northern Ireland;
- b 14 *Austria — Germany:* strengthening of the connections between the two countries;
- b 15 *Netherlands — United Kingdom:* connection by submarine cable between south-east England and central Netherlands;

## (c) Development of internal connections necessary to make the best use of interconnections between Member States

- c 5 (a) *Italy:* strengthening and development of connections on the east-west axis in the north-west of the country and on the north-south axis in the centre of the country;
- c 9 *Ireland:* strengthening of connections in the north-west of the country;
- c 10 *Spain:* strengthening and development of connections in the north-east and west of the country, in particular to connect to the network production capacities for electricity generated from wind-power;
- c 11 *Sweden:* strengthening and development of internal connections;
- c 12 *Germany:* development of connections in the north of the country;

## (d) Development of interconnections with third countries in Europe and the Mediterranean region helping to improve the reliability, security and supply of Community electricity networks

- d 2 *Germany — Poland:* strengthening of the connections between the two countries;
- d 8 *Greece — Balkan States:* strengthening of connections between Greece and, respectively, Albania, Bulgaria and former Yugoslavia, including the restoration of the connections with the north of the former Yugoslavia and the UCPTE network;
- d 10 *United Kingdom — Norway:* connection by submarine cable between north-east/east England and southern Norway (Nordel);
- d 15 *Sweden — Norway:* strengthening of the connections between the two countries;
- d 16 *EU — Belarus — Russia — Ukraine:* development of connections and interface between the (extended) UCPTE network and the networks of third countries in Eastern Europe, including the relocation of the HVDC<sup>(2)</sup> conversion stations operating previously between Austria and Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic and Germany and the Czech Republic.

<sup>(1)</sup> This Decision is without prejudice to the assessment of the environmental impact of the projects.

<sup>(2)</sup> HVDC: high voltage direct current.

## GAS NETWORKS

## (e) Introduction of natural gas into new regions

- e 5 (a) *Portugal:* construction of an LNG terminal on the Atlantic coast;

## (f) Connection of isolated gas networks to the interconnected European networks, including the necessary improvement of the existing networks, and connection of separate natural gas networks

- f 5 *France — Spain:* strengthening of transport capacity between the two countries;  
f 7 *France:* connection of the networks of the south-west and of the south of the country;  
f 8 *Austria — Germany:* strengthening of transport capacity between Austria and Bavaria;  
f 9 *Austria — Hungary:* connection between the networks of the two countries;  
f 10 *Austria — Slovakia:* connection of Austria to underground storage capacity in Slovakia;  
f 11 *Austria:* connection between gas pipelines linking Austria to, respectively, Germany and Italy;  
f 12 *Greece — Albania:* connection between the networks of the two countries;

## (g) Increasing reception (LNG) and storage capacity necessary to satisfy demand, and diversification of supply sources and routes for natural gas

- g 7 *France:* extension of underground storage capacity in the south-west of the country;  
g 8 (a) *Spain:* development of underground storage capacity on the Mediterranean axis;  
g 13 *Austria:* extension and development of underground storage capacity;

## (h) Increasing transmission capacity (gas delivery pipelines) necessary to meet demand and diversification of supply sources and routes for natural gas

- h 1 *Norway — France:* construction of a fourth gas pipeline from Norwegian resources (North Sea) to the Continent;  
h 3 *Norway — Denmark — Sweden — Finland — Russia — Baltic States:* creation and development of connections between the networks of these countries with a view to setting up an integrated gas network;  
h 13 *Germany — Czech Republic — Austria — Italy:* construction of a system of connecting pipelines between the German, Czech, Austrian and Italian gas networks;  
h 14 *Russia — Ukraine — Slovakia — Hungary — Slovenia — Italy:* construction of a new gas pipeline from Russian resources to Italy.
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